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## The Evening World First.

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No other six-day paper, morning or evening, in New York EVER carried in regular editions in any one month such a volume of display advertising as The Evening World carried in March, 1904.

#### THE MAYOR'S BLUNDER.

Mayor McClellan, as The Evening World yesterday pointed out, had one bad reason for signing the East River Gas "grab," and three good reasons for not in the same house with them again. signing it.

He has permitted the one bad reason to outweigh justified in his aversion to gaudy the three good ones.

Brother John J. Murphy will get his \$15,000,000 contract for the great plant the trust is to build in Astoria-unless Gov. Odell vetoes the bill.

The city will lose valuable franchise rights, will lose its home-rule right to grant such franchises as it chooses under the charter, will lose the 3 per cent. of gross receipts it should receive from the company-unless Gov. Odell vetoes the bill.

It is unnecessary to remind Mr. McClellan that he best stage effect is admittedly produced has committed the gravest and greatest fault of his administration. He knows that.

He has committed a tactical blunder also. He has clouded a bright political prospect. He has given Gov. the opinions of mankind prevents her Odell a great opportunity to score at his expense by from giving vent to it in her more vetoing the "grab."

#### A SCAMP'S DESERTS.

James Neilson Abeel has been found guilty by the jury before whom he was tried of the crime of forgery whose riotous colors suggest that the in the third degree. The maximum penalty for his of- rainbow has been struck by lightning lense is five years in State prison. It is to be earnestly is apt to reap the natural harvest of her hoped that this maximum penalty will be inflicted on him; for it is difficult to imagine a more appropriate ers-by. candidate for a long-term residence in the penitentiary.

This young rascal had all the advantages of a re- ladies with a tendency to hectic hose, spectable family, a decent upbringing, a comfortable ground of morals, which is fruitless, fortune and a good wife. Yet he wantonly sought by but on the very superior plea that they misrepresentation and by forgery to filch the love of are unbecoming. For he may talk himan innocent girl with promises of marriage which he self blue in the face trying to knew he could not carry out. He not only cruelly a woman that her pink-and-black or wronged the girl and his own wife but unsorupulously at the end of his argument have furattempted to soil in the mud of the affair the name of nished her merely with an additional Robert Goelet, a reputable young man who had never reason for wearing them. But if, on even heard of either Abeel or Miss Anderson, his un- the other hand, he can convince

had spent \$25,000 to bring about the prisoner's errest. If ankles, she will discard them at once this is so Mr. Goelet deserves credit for it. He not only and go abroad dec cleared his own good name, and gave Miss Anderson an black to the end of her days. opportunity to obtain justice if not reparation, but he been sadly lacking in diplomacy, did a good service to the community, which builds peni- is surely the most essential quality for tentieries for just such rogues as James Neilson Abeel, success

### GUARD THE PEOPLE'S MONEY.

Mr. Kilburn, New York State's rural Superintendent of Banks, explains that when reports came of the looting of the Federal concern his men were examining "one of the largest savings banks in the city." After they had fluished they tackled the gutted Federal, and after a leisurely week closed it.

Puttering with formalities over a great bank as solid as Gibraltar instead of dropping everything to attend to words mean printed inside a violin: the little bank that well-informed men knew was being plundered-what kind of common sense was that?

It is as if Mr. Kilburn were to say: "Yes, they told us the man was in the pond. After we had finished our vanni Grancino, in the country outside game of golf we strolled down to pull him out. Unfor-jof Milan, at the sign of the crown 1721." tunately he had drowned."

If Gov. Odell can spare the time from his important campaign duties he might administer a joit to Supt. Kilburn.

The banks subject to State authority contain some thing like two billion dollars of the people's money.

### SHOP GIRLS AND THE SUBWAY.

Of course the new subways should contain pipe galleries but perhaps these can be later arranged for. Of course subway franchises should be limited to twen-Of course subway franchises should be limited to twenI would like to gain six pounds i
ty-five years, not seventy-five; the construction and opabout three weeks. Can I do it? A. O. erating contracts should be asparated, monopoly foiled, the city's taxing power guarded.

But so long as the Legislature is controlled by "grab" and "graft," so long as city and rural members are qually ruthless of the straits of nearly four million people-what is New York to do?

For lack of means of travel men waste in clinging to To the Editor of The Evening World: car straps the strength and nerve force they might put into business. Women and young girls who toil long house for small wages are subjected more than 600 times a year to intolerable discomfort, danger and sometimes can take nine out of every ten other

insult in "rush hours." The city must do something. We need most of all an east side subway. We need lmost as badly two great outlets by subway across the to suffocate any ordinary person. Your Hest River—due east and due south by the shortest lines. nostrils and throat become parched we need the widest privilege of transfers for five cents. thing short of that would be a grave error.

#### 7,124 LETTERS IN ONE DAY IN RESPONSE TO "WANT" ADVTS

On last Monday, April 18, there were received and ted at The World's main office 7,124 letters anring Want Advertisements in last Sunday's World.

Every one who has something to buy or something to sell can speak to more than one-third of all the families in the City of New York by using a few in the Sunday World alone. Try it to-morrow.

### The Question of Glad Hose and Divorce.

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.



printed the other y of a man over ing his wife for round that she vears socks. And such socks

hey suggested in splendor alis or a paint shop the soul of the observer. the husband they had suggested di-

vorce and he told the Court that he would cheerfully give up half his income to the fair owner of the abbreviated hoslery, but he would never live The question arises as to whether o

taste rather than of morals and there fore scarcely one which a divorce court There is no doubt that the wearing of variegated or abbreviated hose is an

artistic error, but surely it is as harm Women who wear loud stockings must do so to please themselves. For

nen don't like them. So far as stockings are concerned the by plain black silk ones, and indeed

there are few persons of taste who do not prefer these at all times. But if a girl has a yearning for sunset effects and a decent respect for visible attire, surely the question as to whether it shall be expressed in hose

tle for herself. To be sure, the young woman whos daring in audible and sometimes too

that he does not object to them in the

The Hoboken husband must have

## QUESTIONS. ANSWERS.

What They Mean To the Editor of The Evening World Please tell me what the following 'Copie de Giouanni Grancino in Contrada largha di Milano al segno della Corona 1721." J. H. SOMERVILLE. The words mean: "Fac-simile of Gio-To the Editor of The Evening World: Ann is five years old, her father is thirty-five years old, which makes the father seven times as old as Ann. They both live five years, making Ann's age ten years and her father's age forty years, which makes him only four times

Wants to Gain Six Pounds. To the Editor of The Evening World: You may possibly gain the required heartily of fat-producing foods such as potatoes, bread, butter, rice, &c. Drink

Our Dusty Streets.

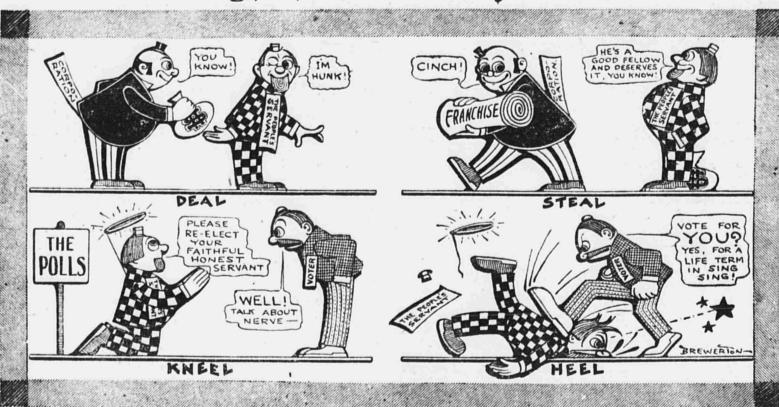
I noticed a letter saying that if the Street-Cleaning Department would stop flushing the streets there would be more water for fires. Now, you streets below Forty-second street, excluding Fifth avenue, and all you can see is a cloud of dust almost enough are ruined. Yet people talk of the air being filled with tuberculous and other germs. We don't use enough water on our streets. The proper thing to do would be to supply every gang of street-cleaners with a few sprinkling cans or go back to a few years ago when we had wagons sprinkling the streets at night.

JOHN M.

A Spanish War Query. To the Editor of The Evening World:
A. contends that during the Spanish American war Capt. Robley D. Evans was in command of the Texas and made the famous speech, "Don't cheer, boys; those poor fellows are dying. B. contends that Capt. Evans was not in command of the Texas and did not With a sunshing smile as he wends your house?" in command of the Texas and did not make any such remark. Kindly decide.

Evans was captain of the Iowa.
Capt. Phillips, of the Texas, made the speech you have quoted.

# bittle Traggdigs Told in Only Four Words.



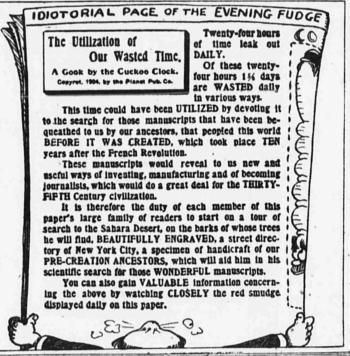
# The Great and Only Mr. Peewee.

Mr. Peewee's Appetite and Theories Clash.









To-Day's \$5 Prize "Fudge" Idiotorial Was Written by Joseph M. Cohen, No. 268 Cherry Street, N. Y. City. PRIZE PEEWEE HEADLINES for to-day, \$1 Paid for each-No. 1, MORRIS GOLDBERG, 1701 Lexington ave., New York City; No. 2, L. M. WILLEY. 716 Jersey ave., Jersey City, N. J.; No. 3, JOHN DUNN. 418 East Sixteenth st., New York City.

Monday's "Fudge" Idiotorial Gook, "How to Interview a \$10,000,000-a-Year Stenographer."

# What Is the Telephone Number?



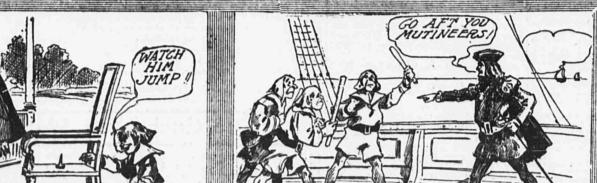




A Puzzle Picture.



Where is the sweetheart she came to meet



1-2-Spring (One to Spring.)

1'11 517

DOWN

"What's that line of people in front of His way through the world; he's ever "Oh, they're neighbors who heard our cook was going to leave In keeping in touch with his friends. and they're waiting for a chance to en

Now Guess What This Is.

FREELY ADMITTED. She-Women may gossip sometimes, but they have better control of their ongues than men have. He-You are right. Men have no control whatever of women's congues .-

Kensas City Journal

"Didn't your father think Herr Eng too young to marry you?"
"Oh. no! He said he would age fas enough when he began to see my dressmilliners'

By Martin Green.

Do We Eat Too Much or Is It the Dope in Our Food That Queers Us? 66 SEE," said the Cigar Store Man, "that Prof. Chit-

tenden, of Yale, has proved by experiment that we eat too much.' "His proof won't make much of a hit with about 8 per cent. of the people of this town who don't get enough of what they want to eat," responded the Man Higher Up. "You can prove anything under the right

kind of conditions. There are reformers who have proved that all we need to eat is the material for a table d'hote for a horse-oats, hay and water; but I've always had a suspicion that a healthy vegetarian or cerealian takes a quiet sneak every once in a while to a good beanery and puts on a cargo of real food. "If the professor wants to make the average New York citizen think that he is doing something along the line of benefit he has a chance here by showing the

adulteration used by grouchy manufacturers and dealers n almost everything we eat and drink. It is not the ood that the people put into their stomachs that puts "They have ways of treating meat and poultry to pre

serve the stuff that are utilized not only by the little butcher or poulterer but by the men who keep hig markets. It is getting to a stage where the payment of a high price for food doesn't guarantee that it is pure. There are more fakes in the food and provision business than the museum proprietors of the country ever put out. In a hearing in court not long ago one of the witnesses testified that a certain brand of salt, put up with fancy labels in fancy bags, was just the same as any other salt, but the people who bought it were given to understand that it had gone through a special process "The heaviest eating nations have been the progres-

sive nations. The Japanese don't eat much, but they are small people and don't need much. The Coreans, a people larger in stature than the Japanese, eat less, probably, than any other nation and assay about as close to a four flush as any collection of human beings on the "How do you account for the strength of the Italian

laborer whose lunch consists of a piece of dry bread with a piece of garlic rubbed on it?" asked the Cigar

"What stronger fodder could you choose?" retorted the Man Higher Up.

## GOSPLEIS in Rhyme. By the Passer=by.

New Local No. 1.

HOUGH death should "confidence" a well-know Though Bryan "hire a hall" or rent a journal Though Abeel have to take the "third degree" For bluffing he was rich-like you and me; Though Thomas may not "want to be an angel." Though Dennett wander like a mad evangel; Though Olney's quash of booms induce nephritis, Or Pat McCarren's dinners, tonsilitis:

Though rapid-tire Cannon defend six wives, While others, cat-like, may enjoy nine lives Though Christian Brother break more modest vows To wed the single mate the law allows Though from the Tombs arise a banker's wail. Nay, not for all let now the brave man quail. From out the chaff pluck forth a solid grain, And hear the protest of the female plain. "This we resolve, all we who pound the keys,

By hard work satisfy or fair looks please: If one is beautiful, another deft, It is not right that either one get left. If Prue with patience prints a perfect row. Matilda's teeth may no less faultless show; If Julia's frown contrives a blotless page. Estelle's new picture-hat is all the rage; Mamie in that excels, and May in this; One's lips pronounce the best, another's kiss. Therefore: like wages shall each gift reward Nor pen prove mightier than a pleasant word. Pleased, whether the employer seek or shun. We're equal in our Local No. 1."

### Japs Are Growing Tail.

According to a Philadelphia physician in a generation or we the Japs will average the same stature as Europeans. t is only their legs that are short, he says, and this comes rom their habit of sutting in cramped positions on the floor. Western customs are being adopted, and he thinks the little rown man will soon lengthen out. Of course, some of his that chairs are almost unknown among Hindoos, who on the whole are rather long legged.